

Congrats to  
Scholarship  
Winners!

# TILDEN TOPICS

Good Luck  
Senior  
Officers!

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## Scholarship Winners Announced; Cantor Places Fifth in Borough

New York State Regents Scholarships have been awarded to 116 students of Tilden High School as a result of an examination given in October, 1961. In addition, 77 Tildenites are alternate winners. Heading the list of winners in Tilden is Paul Cantor, whose score of 269 out of a possible 300 points also placed him fifth in Brooklyn.

### Names of Winners

The Regents Scholarship winners for June 1962 are as follows: David Abraham, Fran Baer, Janice Balsam, Jacqueline Bellows, Carl Bellows, Joel Benjamin, David Block, Lewis Bobroff, Vicki Brown, Barbara Bumstead, Frederick Cains, Paul Cantor, Charles Carlson, Eileen Chernick, Susan Chertoff, Frank Clancy, Glenn Cohen, Gary Cohen, Susan Colin, Marvin Cooper, Ruth Corell, Diana Dickman, Betty Dolins, William Eisenberg, Marsha Feller, Ellen Finkelstein, Anne Fisher, Marsha Fishman, Helen Fox, Barry Fox, Sheldon Friedman, Daniel Friedkin, Ralph Funt, Doris Geller, Sheldon Gellis, Susan Gillman, Henry Ginsberg, Mark Ginsburg, Meredith Glass, Harvey Glass, Alan Goldstein, Peter Goodman, Robert Gorlin, Carol Hinkelman, Steven Hochman, Walter Hoffer, Marc Hornick, Bernard Horowitz, John Hyland, Melvin Katz, Sonja Katz, Seymour Kellerman, Rhoda Kesselman, Meryl Kimmelman, Helen Kozin, Phyllis Kramer, Robert Kurland, Clyde Kurlander, Sarah Kusnet, Richard Lefcourt, Gloria Leschowitz, Stephen Levine, Arlene Litwak, Anita Locke, Robert Maller, Lorraine Mandelbaum, Myron Margolis, Harvey Millstein, Jonathan Mofsky, Stephen Moses, David Moskowitz, Leah Nason, Lynn Palace, Seymour Rand, Roslyn Reiter, Michael Resnick, Larry Rosen, Israel Rosenbaum, Libby Rosof, Richard Rothbard, Alan Sachs, Charles Sanford, Susan Saravay, Cynthia Scharf, Ellen Schiller, Kenneth Schwartz, Stuart Seidel, Gordon Settlow, Stewart Shames, Charles Shopsis, Joan Silverberg, Paul Silverman, Laura Singer, Ellen Sirota, Elaine Skulsky, Susan Sobel, Harvey Sorid, Elyse Soule, Steven Sperber, Ann Spodek, Andrea Stanger, Clifford Steele, Richard Steinberg, Gilbert Sweet, Stephen Tannenbaum, Harry Teitelbaum, Jeffrey Tureck, Stewart Usatine, Cheryl Weinberg, Kenneth Weiner, Judy Werner, Helen Wichart, Paul Wiener, Claire Wisoff, Ira Zankel, and Grace Zolfo.

There were a total of 16,242 Regents College Scholarships awarded this year. The holder of each of these scholarships will be entitled to an annual award of \$250 to \$700, depending on financial need, for each of four years of his college course while attending any college in the State of New York approved by the Regents for this purpose.

## Arista Members Choose Officials for New Term

Tilden's Arista Society recently elected its officers for the spring term. The new officials are Charles Sanford, Susan Saravay, Janice Balsam and Kenny Weiner.

Charles Sanford, Boy Leader, was Treasurer of Arista last term, a member of Sing and a last year's winner in both the United Nations Contest and Tilden's Poetry Declamation Contest.

Susan Saravay, this term's Girl Leader, was Secretary of Arista. She is also a member of Arista's Bowling Team.

The new Secretary is Janice Balsam. She was in Sing and was Secretary of Neophyte Sing.

Arista's newly elected Treasurer, Kenny Weiner, is a member of the Math Team.

Steve Sperber and Sonja Katz are the new coaching chairmen.

## Longfellows Disclose Spring Term Officers

Results of the election of Longfellow officers have been announced by Mr. Stracher, faculty advisor of the Longfellow Society. The election, held on January 20, brought into office Bob Green, 8K, Marty Cogan, 8H, Howie Jacobs, 8M, and Mike Cohn, 8S, as president, vice president secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The officers qualified for their nomination by serving in the organization since their fifth term. They will remain in these positions for one term. The new treasurer, Mike Cohn, is a former Longfellow president, and is also a member of Arista.

All of the members of Longfellows act as ushers at Sing, concerts, and special assemblies. On every regular assembly day, the Longfellows serve in the color guard. In addition, the Longfellows give their time at neighborhood hospitals and charitable functions.

## Classics Is Coming!

Senior Classic needs you! Tilden's yearbook, *Senior Classic*, whose theme this year will be the "Individual's Responsibility in Society," is seeking students with ability in writing to submit articles for publication. Editor-in-Chief Renee Bloom and Literary Editor Felicia Friedland want original contributions for the yearbook which will be published sometime in May. The new faculty advisors of *Classics* are Mr. Arthur Daniels and Mr. Irving Koster representing the English and Art Departments respectively. Those who would like to join the staff, or contribute material for publication may see the editors in the yearbook office, room 228.

## Two Tildenites Win U.N. Essay Contest

Mark Ginsburg, a January graduate, and Richard Weiner, 6U, are the Tilden victors in the thirty-sixth annual examination sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations. Both Mark and Richard received certificates attesting to their knowledge of the United Nations and world affairs.

A former Editor-in-Chief of *Tilden Topics*, Mark Ginsburg received awards in English, journalism and social studies at his recent graduation. Richard Weiner is a member of Arista and the track team.

The three hour written test, held at Tilden on January 18, consisted of short answer and essay questions concerning the history, organization, and function of the United Nations. Questions on current world affairs were also included. Students prepared for this examination with the aid of a special study kit provided by the Association.

The winning papers were submitted to borough-wide competition, and survivors will compete in city and nationwide contests.

## 'The Matchmaker,' In Production, Will Be Presented This Spring

Rehearsals for *The Matchmaker*, this year's annual Spring play, began on Thursday afternoon, February 15. The play will be presented on Friday evening, May 18th and Saturday evening, May 19th.

The cast will be headed by Adele Szper as Dolly Levi (the matchmaker), David Block as Horace Vangelder, Richard Chiger as Barnaby Tucker; supporting cast will include Laura Singer as Minnie Fay, Michael Schwimmer as Ambrose, Ronnie Froom as Ermengarde, Stanley Gibell as Rudolf, Stanley Noval as Joe the Barber, Stephen Moskowitz as the Cabman, Peter Goodman in the role of Malachi, Norman Glick as August, the crying waiter, Cecelia Kramer as Gertrude, Linda Steamer as "the weird" Miss Van Huysen, and Sheila Brandwein as the cook.

The play, a farce written by Thornton Wilder, will be the first of the spring productions to be staffed by the Tilden Drama Guild. The production will be directed by Mr. Joel Dick of the Speech Department, who will be assisted by Miss Anita Goldmuntz, also of the Speech Department.

Stage manager for the play will be John H. Hyland, vice-president of the Tilden Drama Guild, who will be assisted by Arlene Fatuck. The Guild Treasurer for the production is Debby Yaffe.

Rehearsals for the first four weeks will consist solely of reading and studying lines. The following weeks will be used for staging the play. Final rehearsals will include lights, costumes, and makeup. Mr. Dick feels that *The Matchmaker* will be the most lavish of all the spring productions thus far.

Various committees necessary for the production of the play will be headed by the following: Stanley Noval, Props; Laura Singer and Stanley Gibell, Publicity; Myra Gurwitz, Costumes; Millie Dorfman, Make-up; Eddie Morgano, Stage Crew; Anita Locke, Press Representative; and Beverly Schreiber and Arlene Fatuck, Playbill.

## Rothbard and Herzlinger Elected Senior Officers



Mr. Abraham Margolis, Principal of Tilden, congratulates the new Senior Officers as Mr. Benjamin Diamond, senior faculty advisor, looks on.

Elections for Senior Officers of the June, 1962 graduating class resulted in the choice of Richard Rothbard, David Herzlinger, Barbara Hymowitz, and Helen Fox. The voting was held on February 16, during the long official period, one day after nominees spoke in the senior assembly describing their qualifications.

In a close election, Richard Rothbard defeated Carl Bellows, Gordon Settlow, and Stuart Shames for the position of Senior Class President. Richard, who is the present captain of the Swimming Team and a member of Arista, will have a major part in preparing the social activities of the graduating class.

David Herzlinger, this year's choice for Senior Class Vice President, defeated Beverly Schreiber and Ann Spodek. David is a member of Arista and the swimming team. As Vice President, he will become the editor of *Senior News* and aid the President in his duties.

## Diplomas Granted To January Class

Commencement exercises for the two hundred sixty-eight students in the class of January, 1962, were held at the Tilden auditorium on January 31.

The program began with the customary processional march, the salute to the flag and the singing of the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

Martin Feldman, Senior Class President, then gave his address of welcome and presented the class gift to Mr. Margolis.

In his address, Mr. Margolis urged the graduates to set high goals for themselves and stressed the planning of a career which suited the abilities of the student.

Andrea Stanger received medals for the highest average, the Phi Beta Kappa award, the girl's alumni medal, outstanding leadership, excellence in English, biology and physical sciences, social studies and Spanish.

Barry Fox was awarded the medals for the boy with the highest average, excellence in French, cooperation in government diploma (honorary mention), and the Phi Beta Kappa award.

Rhoda Kesselman was given medals for the girl with the second highest average, excellence in English, French, chemistry and social studies.

Awards in English, journalism, and social studies were given to Mark Ginsberg.

Tilden War Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Pearl Horn and Ellen Sirota. In addition, each received the Cooperation in Government Diploma. Pearl also received the speech medal for excellence in dramatics.

Sherry Goodman was given the award for highest honors in the commercial course and Vincent Locurto received the medal for the boy with the best combined record in scholarship, athletics and service.

After the conferring of diplomas and the recitation of the loyalty pledge, the ceremonies were concluded with the singing of *Hail Tilden High* and the recessional march.

The position of Secretary was attained by Barbara Hymowitz. A member of Arista, Barbara defeated Linda Steamer and Marsha Zibulsky. She will handle all clerical work and correspondence for the graduating class.

Helen Fox, a member of Arista, defeated Arlene Litwak to become the Senior Class Treasurer. As treasurer, she will handle all financial affairs of the class.

Speeches were given by the candidates in the Senior Assembly on February 15, telling of their qualifications. These speeches aided the Senior Class in making its selections the following day during the official period. Results were tallied on February 17 by Mr. Benjamin Diamond, Senior Faculty Advisor, and the results were announced as soon as they were known.

Previous to the election speeches and the actual voting, each candidate was required to submit a statement signed by ten teachers recommending the applicant as a potential Senior Officer. Mr. Diamond expressed his satisfaction with the choice of officers and looks forward to a term of fine leadership from them.

## Leaders Announced For Central Sing '62

Mr. Alfred Weil, faculty advisor of Tilden Sing, has announced the Central Sing Committee for 1962.

Irys Lucash of 6X, was chosen one of the commissioners. She was a member of last Soph Sing, was former secretary of Central Sing and belongs to the Drama Guild and *Caravan*.

Phyllis Lubel of 61G, the other commissioner, was a member of both Soph and Junior Sings and is a member of Arista.

Ruth Goz of 6H, was selected as the new treasurer of the Central Sing Committee. She had been treasurer of Junior Sing, and is now a member of the Dean's squad. Cynthia Yudell of G40, the new secretary, was also a member of the recent Soph Sing.

This year's Soph Advisor, will be Toby Sherotsky of 6Z, who was Soph Sing Choral leader, and is now a member of the Orchestra.





By Daniel Cohen

In conjunction with the Juilliard School of Music, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts has devised a program of concerts and music seminars for New York City high school students. Such a program will encompass orchestral, choral, operatic, chamber music, and dance performances.

William Schuman, president of Lincoln Center, has planned this as an "experience in depth." Participants in the program have been drawn from diverse cultural backgrounds, both musical and non-musical. The series has several distinct aims: to instill an appreciation for good music, to develop more critical listening habits, and to expand a general knowledge of musical forms and history.

To achieve these goals, the regular concert is preceded by a supplemental discussion period led by a member of the Juilliard faculty, usually Hugo Weisgall, also an eminent composer. The atmosphere is charged and stimulating. Particular attention is paid to the program for the evening's concert which usually serves as a springboard for discussion in other related areas of musicology. Particular attention has been paid to chamber music with string ensembles, recordings, or the nearest piano handy to illustrate points and supplement the discussion. These impromptu performances, coupled with careful analysis of musical compositions, lay the groundwork for more fruitful enjoyment of the actual concert.

During the past few months, performing groups heard at the evening concerts have included the Juilliard String Quartet, the Juilliard Orchestra, and Chorus. There were various student soloists as well. Although most concerts included many standard works, contemporary composers, particularly Webern and William Bergsma, have been represented also.

The Juilliard series fills a glaring cultural gap among the city's high school students and is a step forward in replacing a general apathy among these youngsters with a renewed interest in the arts. It is one of many such programs which offer unusual cultural experiences inexpensively and which are geared to appeal to teen-agers. Further information can be obtained by writing directly to the Juilliard School of Music, 120 Claremont, Avenue, New York City.

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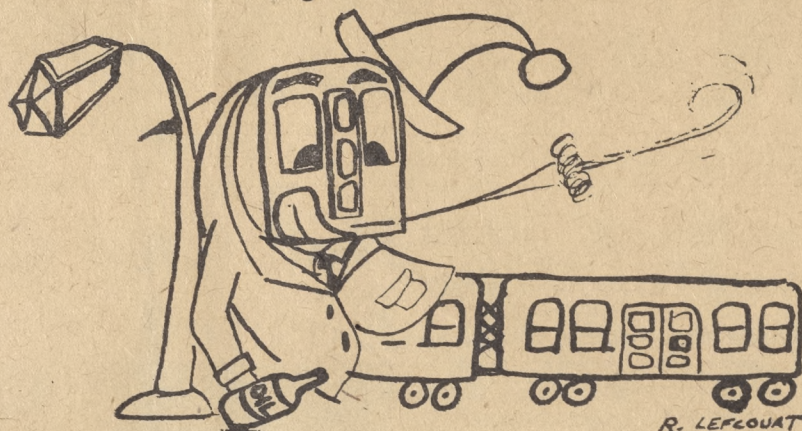
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# New Year's Eve Poses Problem for Robot Train



Don't call me a zombie! I'm a robot train and don't forget it. The newspapers and the Union knock me all the time, but what the heck, its not my fault I wasn't designed to hold whiskey. So let me tell my side of the story.

For weeks I had been shuttling back and forth empty, between Grand Central Station and Times Square. The Union wouldn't permit passengers! Somebody should've started a union for robots.

So, to make it short, it's New Year's Eve. Of course, I was feeling lonely. I mean who's gonna invite a train anywhere? So I had a few drinks. And then a few more. Well, I got to thinking I was a downtown express, see, and these people come in wanting to get to the West Side. By then I couldn't see too well and took off down the Lexington Avenue tracks. And that's why three hundred people trying to get to Times Square ended up celebrating New Years at Eastern Parkway waiting for the giant globe to come down from the East New York Savings Bank.

By then, there was no turning back, since Mayor Wagner was chasing me in a hand-car screaming about how he'll never explain this to the nominating convention. Some people have no sense of humor.

I raced uptown, and by the time I reached 42nd Street, I was being chased by 18 trains, 2 sanitation men and the hand-car. I tried to lose them by jumping onto the local track at 59th Street, but jumped the wrong way and found myself in the men's clothing department of Bloomingdale's. After squeezing eight trains through a revolving door, (which is not easy by a long shot) I discovered six suits hooked on my engine. I wonder if they have free alterations. It's so hard to fit a subway; the shoulders never look right.

By the time I reached the Bronx, I was followed by 34 trains, 9 helicopters, Police Car 54, 67 conductors, Mike Quill and the handcar. (By now I was getting to feel somewhat unloved). At 241st street I saw the one place I could go. Off to my left, the only place I could always be happy and appreciated—FREEDOMLAND!

And just when everything seemed all right I realized the horrible truth: this was January and Freedomland wouldn't open until spring! There was no turning back now; all I could do was surrender. And here I sit, in my lonely prison cell writing these memoirs and waiting for my trial. Unless the governor commutes my sentence, I could get the electric chair. What a horrible way to die a short circuit! At least my ordeal may serve a purpose. When I'm in that great el station in the sky, perhaps some other robot train will remember.

Arthur Weinstein



For as long as I can remember (that would be about three weeks), I have been unphotographable. This is by no means my fault. Usually, it's the camera's fault. I remember many cameras breaking just as they were ready to snap my picture. Often, it's the photographer's fault. Sometimes, just before taking my picture, a photographer gets a sudden desire to fly unexpectedly to Mozambique. I can understand this the first time; I can call it a Coincidence the second time, but by the fifth, I begin to get Discouraged and Frustrated.

Sometimes it seems that Somebody Up There Hates Me. Either lightning strikes the camera, or some Nut down in India decides that the World is about to End, or something like that.

Anyhow, I've never gotten my picture taken. I don't even know what I look like! (It seems that mirrors are also against me—they always break before I get a good look.) This becomes annoying when people ask me to identify myself—and I can't!

Well, it has finally happened! My picture had to be taken for Graduation (only five years to go!), and the photographer made sure the camera wouldn't break. With an Invisible Protective Shield (lead) in front of me, the camera never suspected a thing!

So, the pictures came out and I finally saw what I look like. Come to think of it, I think maybe I was better off the other way!

Say—speaking of pictures, maybe somebody can tell me who that Idiotic-looking Character is at the top of my column! With a face like that, she belongs Under Locke and Key.

## Period of Tension Ends Student Woe

As we begin a new term and feel the warm glow of expectation in our hearts, there comes a sickening feeling in our stomachs, and our reactions are all the same. We gaze with horror at our new program cards while our murmurs of indignation echo through these hallowed halls.

But alas! A solution has been proposed: The One Period Day! This modern miracle will allow the student to take his entire curriculum simultaneously. Teachers talking about the history of English will speak in French. While doing math with his right hand, the student will use his left to prepare his lunch using chemistry formulas. With his feet, the student will practice typing his economics assignments while listening to music appreciation. Since physical education should not be excluded, the above functions will be done between push-ups.

Extra-curricular activities, too, may be included in the period. While waiting for the chemical reactions to occur, girls can practice twirling and boys can deliver books. Cutting is optional, and those caught can take the period in the detention hall.

## Program Obstacles Plague Tildenites

All during Regents Week (three days), as the tensions and frustrations of last term have quietly disappeared, you've frantically sought the courage to face the looming prospect of chaos and new programs (somehow inexplicably tied together).

No doubt you've wondered how that three major program that looked so good on your option card has been squeezed into a nine-period day with no lunch or study, or how you'll learn (?) math at eight in the morning when you can barely face a bowl of Wheaties with dignity, or how you will play in band, sing in chorus, work for Topics, eat lunch, and take one major out of five (all meeting during the same period); . . . or . . .

And though the Program Committee has rejected your last desperate plea for a program change and your English teacher has s-l-o-w-l-y explained her theory that "no student deserves more than a 75 as a final mark," wring your registration card dry of those bitter tears and face the future like a man—there must be brighter days ahead!

## Beware Boys - Tilden's Girls Have Created New Man-Traps

As we slink unobtrusively through the bleak corridors, we've noticed that Tilden's ingenious girls have cleverly invented several unique ways of meeting appealing boys. Here are some of the more successful ones:

First there is the time worn trick of spilling your books all over some unsuspecting guy. However, Tilden's male contingent seems to have a troublesome tendency to respond to this by dropping his books on the stunned girl.

With the fellows on teams, there is a better approach. Smiling femininely, walk up to some such boy and purr, "Oh, Sidney, you were so fabulous in the basketball game Friday!" Sidney will be so

thrilled at your noticing his meager sporting accomplishments that he is likely to forget he was having his tonsils taken out during the last game. (P.S.—Don't remind him!)

It is sometimes advantageous to approach your would-be beau (You would be, he wouldn't) and chirp, "Could I please have the Chem homework?" At his blank stare, look shocked and shriek, "I'm so sorry! I

thought you were in my Chem class." If he makes no response, say to him, in a sultry whisper, "It's a shame you're not. You'd be much more interesting than hydrochloric acid!" (This may be a blatant lie, but he'll never know the difference.)

You can manage to stand next to your dream-man when there is a large crowd assembled, (such as in the Detention Room). Once you've worked your way through the throng, gently bump into your subject, and, as you proffer profuse apologies, casually mention, "You know, I met this girl the other day who says she knows you." If you're lucky, and your guy condescends to bestow an uninterested "Who?" upon you, start gibbering, "Well, she's a tall, thin, short, fat, light, dark, blonde, redhead with big feet." (Don't be too specific.) This is sure to lead into a lengthy conversation (with a psychiatrist). However, it's worth the effort.

If all attempts fail, girls, remember this—the admission test to Brooklyn Tech is pretty easy!

C. Fingerroth

## Topics Talks: Student Awareness

It is a characteristic of human nature to take for granted that which is in one's everyday environment. In order to prevent this attitude from taking hold in Tilden, we should be aware of what efforts have been made toward enhancing the appearance of the school.

The administration of Tilden has attempted to create a more cultural and educational atmosphere through the display of art reproductions and department projects. It is the appreciation of these efforts towards which one must now strive.

There is an ever-changing display near the Principal's office to acquaint us with various aspects of the school's curriculum. In a display on the first floor, the Guidance Department publicizes information on colleges, scholarships, jobs for seniors, part-time jobs, and other opportunities.

For those who are artistically-inclined there are countless displays adorning our corridors. Original paintings, reproductions, paper maché scenes, figures in ceramic sculpture, and other artistic endeavors are exhibited. Opportunities for aspiring artists are posted on a bulletin board near the Art Office.

Our library is constantly reorganizing its resources for student use. Recently, a pictorial display on the history of Venice was added to the library's list of illustrative projects. In a showcase, the story of silk is depicted. Adding to the wealth of knowledge in its books, is the library's fine collection of magazines.

On the second floor, there are educational displays in the fields of science and speech, as well as in other subjects. "What is Biology" is currently the theme being discussed. The Social Studies Department portrays various stages of world development in pictures and diagrams in the third floor display cases.

Many more department projects have been contributed to decorate our halls. In addition to the displays in the corridors, we have pictorial illustrations in our classrooms. These efforts make it an education to tour the corridors and classrooms of our school.

It is the responsibility of each citizen of Tilden not only to be aware of and take pride in the attempt to beautify his school, but to protect and preserve what has been given to him. We must all meet this responsibility.

## Useful(?) Guidebook Aids J.H.S. Pupils

In keeping with the current trend toward college preparation booklets, some enterprising publisher will soon come out with a handy little gem designed for poor, innocent junior high students, entitled *Preparing for High School*. A helpful little item, this handbook will include:

1. A speedwriting course for the filling out of Delaney cards and book receipts.
2. Do-it-yourself training in Karate and eye gouging for passing in the halls.
3. An alphabetical list of 700 standard alibis for not doing homework or for being caught in the halls without a pass.
4. Reading lists, including such titles as *Gone With the Wind*, *War and Peace*, and the *Encyclopedia Britannica* to peruse while waiting for a brief interview with the guidance counselor.
5. Sample questions like those appearing on average program cards, e.g. "Parent's Name . . . , Business Address . . . , Business Phone . . . , " and so forth.

It is hoped that this guidebook will make entering students completely perplexed, thus adapting them perfectly to the high school environment.







## ON THE SIDELINES

By Robert Silver

Although our own Tilden basketball team is going through a season where bad breaks and bad luck have played a key part in their overall losing record, it is certainly a much better team than its slate would indicate.

As of this writing, the *Goldmen* own a 1-8 league record and a 5-9 overall standing. Yet, without trying to alibi, the *Blue Devils* league standing could easily have been 6-3 had they reversed the scores of five close losses that might have easily been converted into wins. Particularly irksome and irritating were the two one point defeats suffered at the hands of Jefferson and Erasmus. The game with Erasmus, where the *Blue Devils* succumbed 67-66 after a valiant effort, was their eighth league loss. Bob Kranz, returning to his true form, exhibited a fantastic display of all-round basketball and fired in a game high total of 29 points to help the team take a commanding four point lead with 55 seconds to play. However, the *Dutchmen* went on a scoring spree and pulled out the contest.

There is no doubt that the *Goldmen* took this defeat extremely hard. After the game, most of the boys on the team held towels to their faces in the locker room to hold back the tears. Guard Wayne Rosen turned to Coach Jerry Gold and sadly said, "Sorry, coach." There certainly was nothing to be sorry for. The fellows on the team gave it the best they could, but once again they were edged in a heartbreaker. I must repeat emphatically—if the breaks had gone the *Goldmen's* way this year, they would have been in excellent position for a playoff berth rather than being mired in the second division of the league.

### Where Are They Now Department?

Several formal Tilden athletic stars are now excelling on both the football and basketball playing areas for the colleges they are now attending. Ronnie Bley, Tilden's phenomenal running back, is primed for a big season at Notre Dame next year, while George Pena, a superb football tackle, has recovered from a broken leg and is looking forward to a big year at McCook Junior College in Nebraska. Ernie Litz, Tilden's fine football statistician of a year ago, is now attending the University of Florida and majoring in physical education, while Billy Goldstein, an outstanding center on the Tilden basketball team of 1960-61 is a starting member of the University of Bridgeport freshman "five."

### Basketball Game Reaps Benefits

On February 2nd, preceding the Tilden-Erasmus varsity game at the Erasmus gym, early-arriving fans were treated to a well-played preliminary game in which the Erasmus junior varsity met and defeated a squad composed of predominately sophomore members from the Tilden team. The team, coached by student and former player Elliott Lampert, dropped a 42-26 decision, but this is not the important point I am trying to bring out.

For many years there has been a continued complaint in this school that the lack of a junior varsity team, a problem that has been prevalent for a good many years, has hindered the development of the younger boys on the team, who, even when they are seniors, lack overall basketball experience. Perhaps the playing of this game will lead to the advent of a much-needed junior-varsity in the next year or so. One problem, though, must be faced; the team should have a paid coach who has had previous basketball experience. This setup would undoubtedly increase the strength of the varsity, too.

## Turfmen Continue Fine Showings; Impress Observers In Hayes Meet

Tilden's turfmen have continued to fare well in their recent P.S.A.L. meets although only one gold medal was won. This occurred in the Cardinal Hayes meet where the novice 880 relay team consisting of Fuzzy Shapiro, Jeff Sargent, Dennis Gartland, and Andrew Mitchell finished first.

In the St. Francis meet there were no medals won, but Richie Lerner finished first in his heat of the 880 yard

run. Jerry Weiner was leading in his race when, unfortunately, he took a bad fall and was eliminated.

Running in the New York City Mayor's meet, the medley relay team of Henry Ginsberg, Jeff Sargent, Alan Unger, and Bob Cope missed medals by just one second.

The team is looking eagerly ahead to the Interscholastic National Championship featuring the top schools in the East.

## Blue Devils Beat Engineers 64-57; Lose to Erasmus, Wingate, Midwood

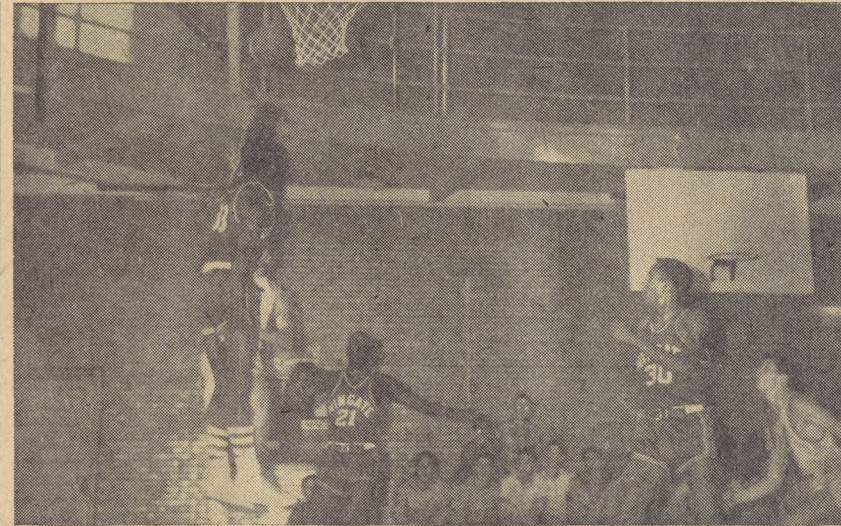
In one of the most exciting high school basketball games of the local scholastic season, the *Goldmen* went down to defeat at the hands of Erasmus by the margin of one single point, 67-66. The victory by the *Dutchmen*, achieved in the last fifteen seconds of play, provided a bitter ending for Coach Jerry Gold and his boys, for victory seemed within the team's grasp before being rudely snatched away.

Bob Kranz, returning to his old form, tallied 29 points in a brilliant effort, and was largely responsible for keeping the *Goldmen* in front until the waning seconds. Bob was ably assisted by Richie Eigen, who flipped in 15, and Ira Wechsler, who netted 9, and was a tower of strength on the boards.

Before a sell-out crowd at the Erasmus gym, the *Dutchmen* jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead before the *Blue Devils* were able to find the range. With Kranz scoring well inside, and Eigen in tune from the corners, the *Goldmen* crept to within 11-10 at the quarter. Birdie's adept all-round play, both in scoring and playmaking, kept the *Goldmen* on an equal footing with Erasmus, and the half ended 26-all.

As the third stanza opened, Tilden went on an 11-5 tear which sent them surging in front, 37-31. As the two clubs moved into the final period, the *Blue Devils* were three to the good, 43-40.

This lead was kept intact throughout most of the fourth period, thanks largely to Kranz, Eigen, and Wechsler. Birdie, particularly devastating from the foul line with 19 for 21, made it impossible for Erasmus to tie the game or go ahead. With 55 seconds to play, Ira Wechsler stuffed in a layup to keep Tilden on top by four, 64-60. But a three point play by pint-



SHADES OF CHAMBERLAIN: Wingate's Haskell Garrett flies through the air with the greatest of ease to block Tilden shot.

sized Charley Donovan, high Erasmus point getter with 26, cut the lead to one, 64-63. Two subsequent steals by Erasmus near the final buzzer gave them four additional points to make it 67-64, and negated a last second jumper by Wayne Rosen which reduced the final deficit to a one point setback.

Four days later, with their morale low following the heartbreaking defeat to Erasmus, the *Goldmen* battled with the league leaders of the division, tall and tough Wingate High. Shaking off a dogging *Blue Devils* quintet which was within only three points of the lead at the half, the *Generals* proceeded to score and rebound with power in the second half to roll to a 56-34 victory.

The *Generals* were paced by Mel Lawson and Haskell Garrett who hit for 18 and 14 points respectively. Coupled with the clutch shooting of Sam Stern, and the tenacious defensive work of Freddy Walls, Wingate

was hard to overcome. However, in the first half, some deadly outside shooting by Bob Kranz, Wayne Rosen, and Len Kamin enabled Tilden to stay within striking distance of the lead. At the half-time break, Wingate was in front 25-22.

Unfortunately for Tilden, the second half was an entirely different story, as the *Generals* outscored the *Goldmen* 31-12 to cop the verdict by 22 points.

### Tech Beaten

Fashioning a late fourth quarter spurt during which they outscored their opponents 13-5, Coach Jerry Gold's Tilden basketball team triumphed in its second league contest when they defeated Brooklyn Tech 64-57. The victory was the *Blue Devils* sixth during the season in 16 games.

Bob Kranz paced the *Goldmen* with 22 points, on 7 field goals and 8 out of 9 free throws, while Ira Wechsler and Wayne Rosen found the range for 14 and 13 points, respectively. Carl Schulz, a diminutive backcourt player for Tech, tossed in 23 markers to pace his team in scoring, but the rest of the squad was unable to provide enough scoring punch to offset the *Blue Devils'* balanced attack.

After baskets by Wechsler, Kranz, and Rosen had sent Tilden in front 6-0, Tech bounced back to cut the deficit. For the remainder of the first half, the battle was played on even terms, and the half ended 27-all.

As the third quarter commenced, the *Engineers* opened up a slim lead which gradually increased to seven points, 44-37. However, three straight Tilden points chopped the gap to 44-40 as the teams headed into the final stanza.

Here, the *Goldmen* came on strongly. Down by a score of 52-51 with three minutes to play, they surged powerfully to take a commanding lead and eventually triumph by seven points. With Kranz and Rosen piercing Tech's zone from outside, Wechsler tough in close, and Jeff Bodie popping in four clutch free throws, the *Goldmen* put the contest out of reach. A burst of six points in the final minute put the finishing touches on the game and insured victory.

### Midwood Triumphs

In their final game of the season, the *Blue Devils* bowed to Midwood High, 54-45, in a rugged and fiercely fought contest.

Midwood's 1-2 punch of Tom Markey and Jimmy Higgins hit the cords for 16 and 13 points, respectively, to pace the visitor's attack. For Tilden, Bob Kranz, with 15, and Richie Eigen and Ira Wechsler, both with 10, were high point-getters.

Bob Silver

## Through the Hoop

One of the bright spots in an otherwise disappointing season for Coach Jerry Gold and the Tilden cagers, is the sudden emergence of 16 year old junior Ira Wechsler as one of the top high school performers in the city.

Measuring in at 6 ft. 3 inches and weighing 175 pounds, Ira is the tallest athlete on Tilden's relatively small team. A tremendously versatile performer, Ira is equally adept on either offense or defense. Utilizing

his height, Ira has been able to pace Tilden's defensive maneuvers all season long. Cavorting under the boards, he has been able to control them almost exclusively and is currently the team's leading rebounder. No slouch on offense either, Ira has consistently hit in double figures throughout the season, and is the team's leading scorer in all league games. In Tilden's lone league victory against Tech, the big center, clicking with deadly hook shots from the pivot and jump shots from the outside, paced Tilden with 16 points. Against tougher competition in the forms of Boys and Erasmus, he responded by dumping in 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Ira views next season with optimism but fears that the same problem which has plagued the team this year—lack of height—will once again hurt them. Nevertheless, he is confident of a highly successful season and looks for the *Goldmen* to rebound as a basketball power once again.

Next year looms as Ira's best to date.

M. Paris

Although this year the Tilden basketball team has not enjoyed a successful season, Coach Jerry Gold has been able to utilize it to develop several top-notch ball players which not only have helped this year's squad, but will also prove of invaluable importance in next year's campaign.

Among these players is 16 year old corner man Jeff Bodie.

Jeff is a rugged 6 footer who possesses the necessary aggressive-ness which has enabled him to become the *Goldmen's* second leading rebounder. As a result of a broken leg last year, Jeff was unable to see any action and this year got off to a slow start, but with hard work and fine assistance from Coach Jerry Gold, Jeff gained a starting position.

Averaging 6 points a game, Jeff concentrates on his defensive game, although occasionally combining a fine offensive game, as he displayed in the hard-fought Jefferson game, when he hit for 18 points. His best defensive effort was put forth in the Boys High contest where, in a brilliant display of skill and alertness, he intercepted 10 passes.

Jeff believes that Jerry Gold is a fine coach and blames the team's poor showing this season on a general loss of confidence due to the *Blue Devils'* loss in their first league game against Jefferson. As to next year's squad, he predicts that it will be a "fine all-round team."

Jeff will be a valuable asset next season.

R. Cohen



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## INSIDE



## TILDEN



By David Abraham and Lewis Bobroff

Thinking of an introduction to this column is never an easy task, unless, of course, we have something to say. At all other times, and there are quite a few, we somehow have to labor our way through with some sparkling witticisms or extraordinarily clever observations on the social scene. Unfortunately, at the moment we can't think of a really good source from which to plagiarize them. Of course, in desperation, we could (if we wanted to) always fall back on the words of a noted philosopher, "Exolotl Oxit Urp?", which means *Why write an introduction when you just wrote one?*

## Community Service, Anyone?

Young men have been invited to join the work for the progress of our community. This invitation has been made by the B'nai B'rith of Kings County. Anyone from the ages of fourteen to nineteen may join this worthwhile activity at any meeting. These open meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at the Avenue "R" Temple, located at Avenue "R" and East 16th Street. Refreshments will be served!

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Miss Esther Sanders at 225 West 57th Street, Manhattan.

## Two More Tildenites Make Good

It may interest you to know (and then again it may not) that two of Tilden's June 1960 graduates have added their names to the almost unending list of former Tildenites who have "made good" in the "outside world." These, the newest on the list (which includes a department store owner and a number of famous athletes), are Nancy Bellin and Lawrence I. Strauss both students of New York Community College. The former has recently been elected by the student body of the aforementioned college to the position of President of the Student Government Association. She is the first female ever to hold this position. Lawrence, a former member of *Topics*, has been chosen the new Chief Justice of the school government.

## Rare Art Treasures Uncovered in B3

In the midst of extensive excavations under Tilden's auditorium, some priceless art treasures have been discovered amongst the ruins. After enlisting the help of several archaeologists, it was learned that the rare art objects were left over from the Tilden Art Exhibit era. From some documents found at the scene (press cards, late passes, etc.) it was learned that the numerous artists, upon exhibiting their works, failed to return and take them home (or somewhere). Mrs. Antonsen, leader of that particular art movement, asked us to tell all those artists who have something or other down in B3 to please, PLEASE, come and claim your property.

## Tilden . . . Stepping Stone to Glory

In addition to the above mentioned alumni, David Stillman, a Tilden graduate of June 1960, has made his mark outside of Tilden. David, who is now attending Brooklyn College, has recently been chosen as one of the three sophomores who will be given a \$1500 grant to study abroad. Next year, David will study at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Although David will certainly be busy broadening himself intellectually, it is the hope of the Eds that he will not miss the sights of Paris (Long live the Follies Bergère)!!!

## Foreign Delegate Speaks At Student Conference

Phillip Asiodu, First Secretary for the Nigerian Delegation to the United Nations, was the guest speaker at a press conference held by the High School Council for the United Nations on January 19, 1962. At the conference, representatives from high schools in the New York City area asked Mr. Asiodu about his country's position on cold war problems.

The first question presented to Mr. Asiodu was about the Cuban situation. He commented that Cuba has become a Marxist-Leninist state and he wished the United States would settle its difference with Cuba peacefully.

When asked about the Congo situation, Mr. Asiodu said that his country hoped that the Congo will eventually unite under one central government with an effective constitution to maintain the law. He expressed his government's opinion of India's action of taking Goa from the Portuguese by pointing out that, though his government deeply regretted India's action, it felt that India was justified since Portugal refused to negotiate with India or do anything to better the conditions in Goa. Mr. Asiodu ended the conference by stating that Nigeria welcomes the Peace Corps and his country finds them very useful. His country would like to see a more developed and expanded Peace Corps that has experienced teachers and technicians.

## Former Tildenite Chosen To Head Housing Agency

Mr. Milton Mollen, a graduate of Tilden High School, has been appointed chairman of the City's Housing and Redevelopment Board by Mayor Wagner. The board is responsible for Federally aided urban renewal and for providing sites, mortgage money, tax abatement advice and supervision for middle income housing projects.

Reflecting on the qualities of Mr. Mollen, Mayor Wagner stated that the new chairman was a recognized expert in housing, housing law, and was uniquely qualified to do the important job that needs to be done.

Mr. Mollen graduated from Tilden in 1938. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. When he was released in 1945, he entered St. John's University School of Commerce and attended its school of law.

After graduation, Mr. Mollen spent two years in private practice before entering city government in 1952 as an assistant to the Corporation Council. Mr. Mollen is 42 years old and, before his appointment, practiced law in Brooklyn.

Even though his job keeps him busy, he keeps fit by participating in sports such as basketball and baseball. Mr. Mollen also participates actively in civil affairs; he is a member of the Citizen's Housing and Planning Council. He also is president of the board of directors of the Brownsville Boys Club, chairman of the board of directors of the Municipal league of the B'nai B'rith, a coach for the Youth Service League, and a member of the New York advisory board of the Anti-Defamation League.

The successful career of Mr. Mollen should be an inspiration to all Tildenites and is another addition to the growing list of former graduates making their marks in the world.

Paul Goldberg and Louis Korman

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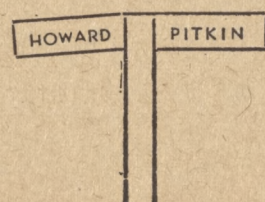
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The Home Economics Department of Tilden High School was the setting for the Annual Betty Crocker Search for the Homemaker of Tomorrow. It consisted of an examination, which tested the students' knowledge and attitudes on homemaking. Held on December 5, it was opened to 7th and 8th term girls.

There is one winner in each high school. Representing Tilden is Lynne Wagshul, 8A. She now has the opportunity to participate in the state finals. The state winner will be awarded a scholarship to Cornell University.

In addition, the winner in each high school receives a pin symbolizing her status as a "homemaker of tomorrow."

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